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Quarterly Tribal Gaming Contributions to Arizona Rose 17 Percent

PHOENIX — Tribal contributions from gaming revenue to the state of Arizona jumped 17 percent in the first quarter of fiscal 2007 from the same period a year ago, the Arizona Department of Gaming announced today.

The tribes' contribution for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 was \$25.5 million, compared to \$21.8 million in the same quarter a year ago.

Under the Tribal-State Compacts, tribes in Arizona that engage in gaming have agreed to contribute one to eight percent of their net winnings to programs that benefit the people of Arizona. Net winnings are the casinos' gaming revenue, minus jackpot payouts to customers. The tribes send their contributions to the state every three months. The largest portion of tribal contributions goes to Arizona schools and to emergency medical services.

Here is a breakdown of how the quarterly contributions were disbursed:

TOTAL tribal contributions for first quarter fiscal 2007	\$25,524,692
Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$12,887,951
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$ 6,443,975
Administrative and regulatory expenses (Arizona Department of Gaming):	\$ 2,000,000
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$ 1,841,135
State Tourism Fund:	\$ 1,841,135
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$ 510,493

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with Arizona's tribes, oversees Indian gaming in the state. The department's tasks range from unannounced on-site inspections of slot machines to background checks of casino employees and vendors. There are 22 American Indian casinos in Arizona.

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